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SUBJECT: Meeting with Cassowary II on August 20.

1. On August 20 I conferred for approximately three hours with Cassowary II at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn, New York City.

2. In general the meeting was friendly and suffered from none of the tenseness which had characterized our first meeting on Saturday, August 11. Cassowary II repeated a request which he made at the first meeting that the F.B.I. in New York be told that his activities do not endanger the country's interests. Apparently he has been subjected to fairly close surveillance by the F.B.I. and feels that there is no need for such constant scrutiny.

3. He also sought our advice as to whether he should register as a foreign agent under the appropriate statutes. I told him we would let him know about this in the near future.

4. The bulk of our meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Ukrainian emigration, where it is located, its politics, etc. The chief points which emerged from this discussion are:

a. For some reason not known to Cassowary II the Melnyk group persists in attacks on him and on Cassowary III with the evident purpose of discrediting them in the eyes of the immigration period. The last of such attacks started in one of the Ukrainian newspapers published in Winnipeg, Canada, and was repeated in one of the Ukrainian newspapers published in Chicago. Cassowary II is not sure who the author of the attack is.

b. He believes that an effort should be made to heal the breach between him and Cassowary III and the Melnyk group and during the course of the next few days will make up his mind whether the best means of healing the breach is by a direct approach by him or by soliciting the efforts of Professor ~~Pro-~~briansky.

c. The fact of the breach between ~~Melnyk~~ Melnyk and Cassowary II is having a harmful effect on relations between the American Ukrainian Congress Committee and the Canadian Ukrainian Congress Committee. It was because of this adverse effect that I strongly urged Cassowary II to do everything possible to try to come to an agreement with representatives of the Melnyk group in Winnipeg and in Chicago.

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d. Cassowary II believes it might be possible to weld the various groups comprising the Ukrainian Emigration together provided a specific point of reference is offered and provided a program of positive action is suggested. He believes a Ukrainian committee similar to the American Committee for the Liberation of the Peoples of Russia is feasible and can acquire private financing and can make a contribution to the cause of the Ukrainian people. It is his opinion, however, that such a group is more likely to win acceptance and to achieve success if made by a committee formed on behalf of all the subjugated people of the USSR. He stated that all non-Russian Nationalities have the same basic problems as the Ukrainians and as a result they should all act together.

5. It was clear that one reason for Cassowary II's willingness to project such a committee is the increasingly effective activities of QKACTIVE, which by proper handling may serve as a catalyst in stirring up the many elements comprising the entire immigration from the USSR. I believe it is certainly too early to predict the form of the organization that the Ukrainians would be willing to become a part of; it seems reasonable to believe, however, that QKACTIVE is going to afford us a lever with the Ukrainians which will get them off their present dead-center.

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